



THE AIR FORCE VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP



AIR FORCE



VILLAGE



President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN



Air Force Chief of Staff and Mrs. J. P. McConnell

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One of the proudest traditions of the Air Force is its emphasis on the well-being of its people, its endeavor "to take care of its own." The Air Force Village Foundation is following that tradition with its objective of providing housing facilities and services to dependents of deceased Air Force officers as well as to retired Air Force officers and their wives who require special care.

Distinctive recognition was gained for the project when President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson accepted the invitation to be Honorary Co-chairmen of the Board of the Foundation.

Impressive progress has been made, and acreage has been donated in a very desirable location. I congratulate all those who have given so freely of their time and effort to this worthy undertaking and, thereby, have brought it closer to realization.

But much work remains to be done to insure the success of this nonprofit charitable organization. This success will not be possible without the active interest and support of officers and their families throughout the Air Force.

J. P. McCONNELL
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

WHAT IS IT?

The AIR FORCE VILLAGE FOUNDATION is a nonprofit organization established **BY** members and friends of the Air Force family **FOR** the Air Force family. It was incorporated in the District of Columbia in March 1964. President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson are Honorary Chairmen. The Board of Trustees consists of retired Air Force officers and other distinguished men and women who are interested in the welfare of Air Force people. All serve without compensation.

WHAT WILL IT DO?

The goal of the AIR FORCE VILLAGE FOUNDATION is to provide suitable living facilities for widows, other dependents of Air Force officers, and retired couples as described below. These categories are listed in the priority order for which construction is planned as the project advances.

1. Widows of active duty or retired, regular or career reserve Air Force officers and warrant officers who have insufficient income to properly house and support themselves.
2. Widows or dependents of Air Force officers who have sufficient income but who require the assistance and associations such a facility will provide.
3. Widows of Air Force officers and their dependent children who need aid and assistance during the transition period immediately following the demise of the spouse.
4. Aged retired Air Force officers and their spouses who are unable to provide for their own needs.

WHOM WILL IT SERVE?

Within the priorities established above, the following is a complete listing of persons who will be eligible for residence in the Air Force Village: (These categories do not indicate a priority.)

1. Dependents or dependent survivors of one of the following:
 - a. An active duty Regular Air Force officer, or a retired Regular Air Force officer;
 - b. An Air Force active duty Career Reserve officer, or a Career Reserve officer retired for length of service after completing 20 years of active Federal service, provided he was serving as an officer on active duty at the time of retirement and is carried on the rolls of the Air Force;
 - c. An Air Force or Army Air Corps officer who dies or who was retired as a result of wounds or disease incurred in line of duty while serving on active duty as an officer.
2. A retired Regular Air Force officer, or a Career Reserve officer retired after completing 20 years of active Federal service, provided the officer was serving on active duty at the time of retirement and is carried on the officer retired rolls of the Air Force.
3. Career Reserve officers retired for physical disability as a result of wounds or disease suffered while serving on active duty as an officer, provided the officer is carried on the officer retired rolls of the Air Force.
4. "Officer" as used in 1, 2, and 3 above includes warrant officers.



"... As we have no children, by the time I reach the age of 62, I may be, if widowed, quite alone and would like to have the security of being able to live with other women of the Air Force."
Mrs. George E. Kurtz



"... After 20 years of service life, I find I have no roots anywhere, and am having difficulty finding a place I want to live since the death of my husband."
Mrs. B. O. Brache
(Widow)



"... To me, AIR FORCE VILLAGE means the opportunity to live with others who have shared the same interests and who have similar backgrounds. It means not to be dependent on our children or relatives, whatever the case may be. AIR FORCE VILLAGE, in one word, means "Security."
Mrs. Nelson Daus
(Widow)

WHAT WILL BE BUILT? WHEN? WHERE?

The AIR FORCE VILLAGES, specially designed to meet the needs of retired people and Air Force widows of all ages, will be located in established communities close to major Air Force Bases.

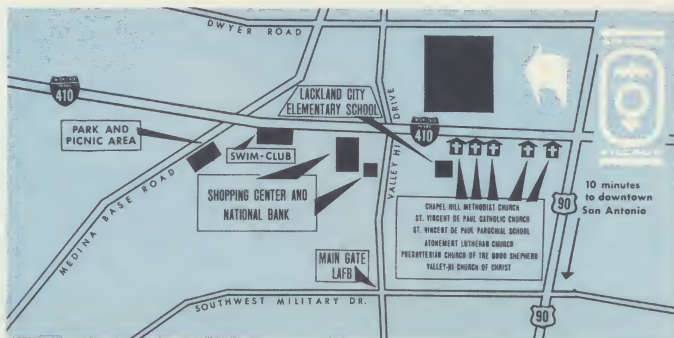
The site of the first VILLAGE is at San Antonio, Texas, less than 1/2 mile from Lackland AFB

and only ten minutes from downtown San Antonio. It is in a desirable residential community close to six churches, shopping centers, a bank, school, public swimming pool and public transportation.

The site, fifteen acres of land valued at \$225,000., was donated to the FOUNDATION by Ray Ellison Industries, developers of neighboring "Valley-Hi". It is on the highest point in the immediate area, providing a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. The FOUNDATION also has an option to additional land if needed.

Other sites being considered for future VILLAGES are in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Florida, California, and Washington, D.C.

Architectural planning and engineering surveys for the San Antonio VILLAGE are already under way. We hope to begin construction in less than a year . . . depending on YOUR support and YOUR generosity.



WHAT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED?

Our Village will be a modern residence adapted to local environments providing gracious living and security to all its occupants. It will provide supporting services such as an infirmary, restaurant, planned social and recreational activities, and above all, free association among people of similar experiences, background and interests, on a nonprofit basis.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

One million dollars is considered the minimum necessary before any construction can begin. The size of the Village and the priorities for residence will have to be established on the basis of need and the funds available. **The more money on hand when construction is begun, the less the indebtedness—and consequently, the less will be the established charges.** Of course, confidential financial assistance will be extended to those who would not otherwise be able to afford residence.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE
AIR FORCE VILLAGE
FOUNDATION—
YOUR CONTRIBUTION
IS ESSENTIAL!

This year's membership drive starting July 1, 1965, depends for success first on the wholehearted support of the Reserve and Retired officers of the Air Force, and widows of Air Force officers in all categories, and those public minded citizens who will recognize and support a continuation of the Air Force creed, "to take care of its own."

JOIN IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

- There are three classes of members eligible to vote at annual or special meetings of members. These are:
 - Sponsor Member:** A club, group, or organization contributing at least \$500 shall be a member for the year for which their contribution is made;
 - Sustaining Member:** Any individual who contributes at least \$50 shall be a member for the year for which his contribution is made;
 - Life Member:** Any individual who contributes \$1,000 at any one time shall be a member for life. However, a Life Member will only be eligible to vote at annual or special meetings of members during the year for which his contribution is made.
- There are two classes of contributors who are not eligible to vote at annual or special meetings of members. They are characterized as follows:
 - Annual Associate Member:** Any individual who contributes at least \$10 but less than \$50 shall be an Annual Associate Member for the year for which his contribution is made;
 - Affiliate Member:** Any individual, club, group, or organization making any cash contribution that is less than an amount which would entitle them to another class of membership shall be an Affiliate Member for the year for which their contribution is made.

In 1966, the second annual Membership Drive amongst active duty Air Force officers is planned for the month of April.

No less than this, however, is the necessity for the continued active backing of all Officers' Wives' Clubs and other Foundation members whose donations already have enabled plans for the Village to come so far in such a short time.

BRIEF HISTORY

Spring 1963—Prompted by inquiries and requests for an Air Force Home for widows similar to the Army Distaff Home, Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay conducted a survey of the 350 world-wide Air Force Officers' Wives' Clubs as to the feasibility, desirability, and willingness to support financially such a project. Results indicated 95% reflected in the affirmative.

April 1963—A committee of Air Force active duty officers was appointed by the Chief of Staff to conduct a study on the establishment of a Home for widows. They found that such an undertaking was desirable and feasible.

May 1963—The first contribution (\$3,000) was received from the Washington, D.C. Officers' Wives' Club to start the project. The Club volunteered to be custodian of the funds and assumed incidental expenses until such time as a legal Foundation could be formed.

February 1964—General LeMay requested a home for widows be established reflecting the specific wishes of the 350 Clubs contacted. He invited several retired officers to form a Board and asked Miss Jacqueline Cochran to spearhead the project and to act as liaison between industry and the Air Force Village. During this month the first organizational meeting was held.



Army Distaff Home, Washington, D.C.

March 1964—The Air Force Village Foundation was formed and incorporated in the District of Columbia. Tax-exemption status was then granted by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, thereby entitling donors to income tax deductions. At this time, \$46,262.80 was given to the Foundation. These funds had been received from 150 Wives' Clubs and had been held in trust by the Washington, D.C. Club. During this month the following persons assumed their duties as officers and trustees of the Foundation: Miss

Jacqueline Cochran — President; Major General Reginald C. Harmon, USAF (Retired)—1st Vice-President; Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay — 2nd Vice-President; Major General Dudley D. Hale, USAF (Retired)—Secretary; and Major General

Robert E. L. Eaton, USAF (Retired)—Treasurer. Others who served, during this period were: Lieutenant General Elmer J. Rogers, Jr., USAF (Retired); Major General Richard A. Grussendorf, USAF (Retired); Major General Millard Lewis, USAF (Retired); Major General Kenneth P. McNaughton, USAF (Retired); Major General Thomas C. Musgrave, Jr. USAF (Retired); Major General Leigh Wade, USAF (Retired); and Mrs. Edwin Loberg.

April 1964—President of the United States and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson accepted Honorary Chairmanship of Village Foundation and endorsed its goals.

April 1964—A Foundation office was established at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, to



handle administrative duties. Initial tabulation of contributions indicated full acceptance of Foundation goals by Officers' Wives' Clubs all over the world.

September—December 1964—First membership drive conducted for Air Force Village Foundation with a high rate of success—389 voting members achieved—65,000 Associate and Affiliate members.

April 1965—First annual meeting of the Air Force Village Foundation was held in Washington, D.C. The financial statement indicated nearly \$500,000 in contributions had been received. New officers were elected.

May 1965—Colonel Robert W. Gunther, USAF (Retired), was hired as full-time manager for the Air Force Village Foundation, working under the direction of the Trustees.

OFFICERS OF THE AIR FORCE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1965



PRESIDENT
Reginald C. Harmon,
Major General, USAF
(Ret.) General Har-
mon was the first
Judge Advocate Gen-
eral of the Air Force,
a post he held for
three terms until he
retired from the Air
Force in 1960. Prior
to entering military
service, he was a
member of the bar
of the State of Illi-
nois and served as
Mayor of the city of
Urbana, Ill. He is
presently in business
in Washington, D.C.



**FIRST
VICE-PRESIDENT**
**Thomas C. Musgrave,
Jr.,** Major General,
USAF (Ret.) General
Musgrave was a com-
bat commander in
the Pacific Theater
during World War II,
Deputy US Repre-
sentative to the
NATO Standing
Group, and at the
time of his retire-
ment in 1962 was the
Director of Legisla-
tive Liaison, Hq USAF.
At present he is serv-
ing as a Vice Presi-
dent of Textron, Inc.



**SECOND
VICE-PRESIDENT**
**Mrs. John P. McCon-
nell.** The office of
Second Vice-Presi-
dent will always be
filled by the wife of
the Chief of Staff,
USAF. Mrs. McCon-
nell has a wide
knowledge of mili-
tary life, its problems
and needs, gained
both as an Air Force
wife and as a former
officer in the WAC.
She is actively fur-
thering many Air
Force affiliated pro-
grams — such as
CHAP, Air Force Aid.



**THIRD
VICE-PRESIDENT**
Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay
Mrs. LeMay, the wife
of the former Air
Force Chief of Staff,
initiated the first Air
Force Village cam-
paign through her
contact with Officers
Wives Clubs all over
the world. She has
devoted her time and
talent to improved
family services for Air
Force people during
her long tenure as an
Air Force wife, and
is the narrator of the
first film on the Air
Force Village.



SECRETARY
Jackson V. Rambeau,
Colonel, USAF (Ret.)
Colonel Rambeau
was a combat pilot
with the 8th Air
Force during World
War II.
His last Air Force
assignment prior to
retirement in 1961,
was as Assistant
Chief of Staff for
Reserve Forces, Hq
MATS. He is pres-
ently serving as Di-
rector of Military and
Industrial Relations
for the Air Force As-
sociation, Washing-
ton, D.C.



TREASURER
Robert E. L. Eaton,
Major General, USAF
(Ret). A combat pilot
during World War II,
General Eaton served
as Director of Legis-
lative Liaison with the
Air Force and the De-
partment of Defense,
and was Assistant
Chief of Staff for Re-
serve Forces at Hq
USAF at the time of
his retirement. He is
now President of
Eaton Assoc., Inc. A
Washington, D.C.
Public Relations and
Management Con-
sultants Firm.

TRUSTEES



MISS JACQUELINE COCHRAN — Served as the first President of Air Force Village Foundation. Miss Cochran, a world renowned aviatrix and business woman holds more international speed, distance, and altitude records than any other flier. She organized and directed all phases of the World War II WASP Program. Her deep interest in the Air Force and its people is exemplified by her outstanding service with the Air Force Village Foundation during its formative stages.

MRS. OLIVE A. BEECH — Mrs. Beech is a distinguished business woman, aircraft corporation executive, and friend of the Air Force.

CHARLES P. CABELL, General, USAF (Ret.) — Former Chief of Plans, USAF, and Air Force Representative with the United Nations. Was the Deputy Director of CIA when he retired in 1962.

RICHARD A. GRUSSEN-DORF, Major General, USAF (Ret.) — Former Commander of the Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force

in Izmir, Turkey. Was serving as Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council at the time of his retirement.

WILLIAM F. McKEE, General, USAF (Ret.) — Former Commander, Air Force Logistics Command was serving as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force at the time of his retirement in 1964.

KENNETH P. McNAUGHTON, Major General, USAF (Ret.) — Served as Vice-Commander of the Far East Air Force at Tokyo prior to his retirement from active duty on July 31, 1956.

WILLIAM H. POWELL, JR., Major General, USAF (Ret.) — Was Deputy Surgeon General for several years and at the time of his retirement in 1960 was Chief Medical Officer of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe.

LEIGH WADE, Major General, USAF (Ret.) — Experienced a varied career that included the U.S. Army Air Service around-the-world flight in 1924, retired in 1955 after service in important overseas posts.

MR. TED WALKOWICZ — Formerly a Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, served on the staff of General H. H. Arnold and the Scientific Advisory Board until 1952 at which time he joined the staff of Laurance S. Rockefeller.



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Many individuals are choosing contributions to the Air Force Village Foundation "In Memoriam" as a means of honoring the deceased and an expression of sympathy to the remaining family. The Foundation sends an appropriate notice to the family in each case with the donor's name. The donations (those over \$100) will be translated to a plaque of honor in the Village to perpetuate the memory of the deceased. All names submitted for memorialization will be entered on the permanent memorial rolls. The Trustees will consider naming facilities in memory of individuals when such action is indicated.





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